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SUBJ: NAIM VISIT

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN, BUT BELIEVES SOLUTION AT HAND. AS INDICATED IN REF B, FOR REASONS BEYOND OUR COUNTR0L, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PLACE THREE INTERNATIONAL VISITORS (IV) FROM AFGHANISTAN IN FY 76. WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT OTHER USES BE FOUND FOR THESE IV FUNDS. SINCE IV RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE, WE RECOMMEND THAT TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF THE AMOUNT BE INVESTED IN WHAT THE EMBASSY REGARDS AS ONE OF ITS HIGHEST PRIORITY PROJECTS.

2. IT IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT DEALING WITH PRESIDENT DAOUD'S MOST INFLUENTIAL ADVISOR. HE IS THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE LAND. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY COUNTER PRODUCTIVE TO HAGGLE WITH GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) OVER DOLLARS 1,200 FOR A VISIT OF THIS CALIBER.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT PARTY TRAVELLING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IN NOVEMBER 1974 WAS CONSIDERABLY LARGER THAN FIVE PERSONS AND GOA PROVIDED EXTENSIVE HOSPITALITY DURING THE ADVANCE TEAMS'S PREPARATIONS AND DURING THE ACTUAL VISIT ITSELF.

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4. DCM WILL BE BEGINNING REVIEW OF SUBSTANTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY IN NEAR FUTURE AND IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE SETTLE THIS MATTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. ACTION REQUIRED: NEA TO REVIEW SIZE OF DELEGATION ISSUE IN LIGHT OF INFORMATION ABOVE AND PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT IV FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO COVER COSTS, AND TO CONFIRM TO US THAT PARTY OF FIVE RECEIVE VIP TREATMENT AS PER REF A, PARA 1.
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